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SUBJECT: COBRA MIST

FOLLOWING IS EXCEPT FROM ARTICLE IN DAILY TELEGRAPH
MAGAZINE OF JUNE 15 ENTITLED " ESPIONAGE: DOES THE
SPY STILL EXIST?":

" SOME OF THE RADAR AND SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE
STATIONS COMBINE THEIR TASK WITH THE EARLY WARNING
SYSTEM FOR NUCLEAR ATTACK. ONE OF THE LARGEST
ESTABLISHMENTS OF THIS KIND IS ON THE SUFFOLD COASTS,
WHERE IN A 100- ACRE COMPOUND NEAR ORFORDNESS IS THE
MOST ELABORATE SURVEILLANCE STATION IN EUROPE.
OFFICIALLY IT IS DESCRIBED AS ' A JOINT RAF- USAF RESEARCH
STATION INTO THE PROPAGATION OF RADIO WAVES', THAT IS
A SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENT CHECKING ON RADIO ACTIVITY
IN THE ATMOSPHERE. THIS IS, OF COURSE, PARTLY ITS
TASK. BUT ITS CHIEF AND MOST IMPORTANT, AND ALSO MOST
SECRET TASK IS TO DETECT INTRUDERS IN THE SKIES.
ORFORDNESS HOUSES THE MOST ADVANCED RADAR SYSTEM YET
DEVELOPED, CODE- NAMED ' COBRA MIST' AND KNOWN LESS
COLORFULLY TO SCIENTISTS AS ' SYSTEM 441- L'. IN TIME
' COBRA MIST' WILL SUPERSEDE ALL EXISTING RADAR
SYSTEMS. IT IS EXPECTED NOT ONLY TO DETECT AN ATTACK
BY NUCLEAR MISSILES MUCH EARLIER AND MORE ACCURATELY

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THAN ANY SYSTEM IN EXISTENCE , BUT TO PLAY A VERY
IMPORTANT ROLE IN PEACETIME IN ALERTING WESTERN
INTELLIGENCE."
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